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SUBJ: PM SAYS NO NEED FOR MALAYSIAN TROOPS IN TIMOR; BRUNIE

PEOPLE'S PARTY DENOUNCES SINGAPORE

REF: (A) KL 5242 (NTOAL) (B) JAKARTA 10848 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: PM RAZAK TOLD REPORTERS SEPT 3 THAT MALAYSIAN TROOPS NOT NEEDED IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. MALAYSIANS CONTINUE SUPPORT INDONESIAN TAKE-OVER OF TIMOR POLITICALLY, IN PART BECAUSE OF OWN AMBITIONS TOWARD BRUNEI. IN KUALA LUMPUR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF BRUNEI PEOPLE'S PARTY DENOUNCED SINGAPORE FOR SENDING TROOPS TO TRAIN IN BRUNEI. END SUMMARY.

2. TIMOR: IN KUCHING, SARAWAK, TO CHAIR MEETING OF STATE

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CHIEF MINISTERS, PRIME MINISTER RAZAK TOLD REPORTERS SEPT 3

THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR MALAYSIA TO SEND TROOPS TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR AS INDONESIA ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT MEN IN THE AREA (NEW STRAITS TIMES 9/4).

3. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED REFTEL THAT GOM HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN FOUR-NATION PEACE-KEEPING TEAM, EMBOFFS MET WITH AUSTRALIAN POL COUNSELLOR WHO INFORMED THEM THAT HIS HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANY IDEA FROM MFA SEC GEN ZAITON OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MALAYSIAN INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS TIMOR. AUSTRALIAN AND US EMBOFFS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNCHARACTERISTIC OF RAZAK GOVT TO SEND TROOPS (LAST AND PRESUMABLY SOLE DETACHMENT SENT ABROAD WAS UNDER TENGKU'S PREMIERSHIP FOR UN CONGO OPERATION) BUT THAT GOM WOULD BACK JAKARTA POLITICALLY. IN DISCUSSION, IT WAS NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO CLOSE MILITARY-SECURITY TIES MAINTAINED BETWEEN GOM AND GOI SINCE SHUHARTO CAME TO POWER, MALAYSIANS IN PAST TWO YEARS HAVE GIVEN INCREASING INDICATIONS OF WANTING TO ABSORB BRUNEI AT SOME FUTURE DATE THUS WOULD FIND IT IN OWN INTERESTS TO SUPPORT TIMOR TAKE-OVER.

4. BRUNEI: IN THIS REGARD SECRETARY GENERAL OF BRUNEI PEOPLE'S PARTY (PARTI RAKYAT BRUNEI-PRB). YASIN AFFANDY, WAS REPORTED IN SAME (SEPT 4) NST TO HAVE ACCUSED SINGAPORE OF SUPPORTING BRITISH COLONIALISM IN THE INTIMIDATION AND SUPPRESSION OF THE BRUNEI PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT. YASIN, WHO WAS GIVEN ASYLUM IN MALAYSIA IN 1973 AFTER ESCAPING FROM DETENTION IN BRUNEI, WAS CLEARLY REACTING TO A NEWS ITEM APPEARING IN THE NST SEPT 3 WHICH REPORTED THE DISPATCH TO BRUNEI FOR TRAINING OF SINGAPORE ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS AND TARGET-TOWING A-4'S. THE SPEED AT WHICH YASIN'S STATEMENT WAS PRINTED IN THE GOVT-INFLUENCED NST AND ITS REFERENCE TO A UNGA COMMITTEE OF 24 RESOLUTION OF AUG 19, 1975, WERE EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING MALAYSIAN PRESSURE ON BRUNEI, ITS ACTUAL RULER, THE SRI BEGAWAN, AND THE UK. IT ALSO UNDERSCORED MALAYSIAN SENSITIVITY TO SINGAPORE TRAINING IN BRUNIE.  
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